



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## Office of Child Support Services

Department of Human Services



# FACT SHEET

## RI General Laws Section 27-57-1(a) Life Insurance Reporting

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rhode Island Legislature enacted an amendment to **RI General Laws Section 27-57-1(a)**, which extended the Rhode Island Child Support Agency's insurance intercept authority to reach life insurance proceeds for the purpose of collecting past due child support. Life Insurance companies are now required, within 30 days prior to making any payment equal to or in excess of \$500.00 to a claimant or beneficiary, to review information provided by the Office of Child Support Services and indicate whether or not the claimant owes past due support. Life Insurance companies can confirm compliance with the provisions of the law by participating in the Child Support Lien Network hosted by the State of Rhode Island and operated by RI's vendor, Stellarware.

### EFFECTIVE DATE

The law was effective upon passage in June of 2023. The Office of Child Support Services extended the effective date of the implementation of the law to **January 1, 2024**, to enable life insurance companies sufficient time to implement the law and to come into compliance.

### REPORTING OPTIONS

The State of Rhode Island Department of Human Services Office of Child Support Services is the Host State for the Child Support Lien Network (CSLN). CSLN is operated by the RI vendor Stellarware, which currently provides automated data matching services between a delinquent obligor file and a life insurance policy/claim file to collect past due child support from life insurance payouts pursuant to the law. Life Insurance companies may elect to participate with CSLN through this data matching exchange option or by registering for a CSLN account to perform an individual search on a claimant who may owe past due child support in the State of Rhode Island.

### DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

Life Insurance companies may join CSLN by executing a Data Exchange Agreement with Stellarware. To register for a CSLN account or sign up for the data exchange method, please visit: [https://www.childsupportliens.com/life\\_insurance](https://www.childsupportliens.com/life_insurance).

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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